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October 12, 2005

**PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions to revive the above-identified application under 37 CFR § 137(a), which was unavoidably abandoned for failure to respond to an Office Action dated March 25, 2005. The statutory period for responding to the Official Action ended on June 25, 2005. A petition fee of \$500.00 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. ¹⁶~~06~~-0605 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(I). As the application was abandoned as a result of an error on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), Applicant hereby also requests that the petition fee be refunded upon the granting of this Petition.

1. On March 25, 2005, the PTO issued an Office Action rejecting all of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and setting a three month shortened statutory period for response (i.e., June 25, 2005). Upon petition and with the payment of extension of time fees, the period for response could be extended up to and including September 26, 2005 (i.e., the next business day following the six-month anniversary date of Sunday, September 25, 2005).

2. On Monday, September 26, 2005, Applicant, through counsel, prepared and mailed an Amendment responsive to the Office Action to the PTO. A return postcard was also included with the Amendment. The return postcard indicated the serial number and title of the patent application, the date of filing the Amendment, i.e., September 26, 2005, and the enclosure of the Amendment, a Petition for Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to pay to extend the period for response by three months, that is, until September 26, 2005. A copy

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